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THE *BATMAN/SUPERMAN: WORLD'S FINEST* CREATORS TAKE ON THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

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FORGING THE FUTURE ONE HERO AT A TIME

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METROPOLIS WAS ONCE CALLED THE CITY OF TOMORROW...

...BUT NOW IT WILL BE CALLED THE LOST CITY OF ***PARASITES.***

ALL BECAUSE OF ***YOUR*** EGO, SUPERMAN.

YOU CLAIM TO HAVE FAITH IN ***HUMANITY,*** AND YET YOU HAVE GIVEN UP ON--

SMASH!

FINALLY, YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES.

LU...THOR...

WELL, *THIS* IS AN UNFORTUNATE TURN OF EVENTS.

COME... WITH...ME...

LET ME GUESS. THE PARASITES MULTIPLIED TO THE POINT THAT THEY TURNED INTO MICROSCOPIC VERSIONS AND INVADED YOUR BODY... CHANGING *YOU* INTO A PARASITE?

...PARASITES... IN THE...*AIR*...

AT LEAST *SOMETHING* FINALLY GOT YOU TO ADMIT YOU NEED ME.

NOT HERE...FOR... YOU...

SKRUNCH!

UHH...LEXIE?

WHY IS *PARASITE* DRESSED AS *SUPERMAN?*

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T SHAME HIM--I LIKE TO DRESS UP AS SUPERGIRL FOR THE RIGHT OCCASION.

BUT WHAT'RE YOU...

OH LORD, HE'S HERE TO EAT ME, ISN'T HE?

SUCK ME DRY LIKE A PIECE OF MEAT!

DON'T LET HIM DO IT, LEX!

DON'T LET HIM EAT MEEEEEEE!

"LIVEWIRE IS AN INSTITUTION, DAMMIT!"

WAIT...SO YOU'RE *NOT* EATING ME?

NEED... POWER...

YOU'RE BAIT, LIVEWIRE.

SORT OF.

WE NEED A MASSIVE POWER SOURCE TO DRAW THE *REAL* PARASITE TO US HERE AT SUPERCORP SO WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AND UNDO ALL OF THIS...

"EVEN THE COMBINED MIGHT OF THE SO-CALLED SUPERS WON'T BE ENOUGH TO STOP IT...

"...BEFORE HE SPREADS PAST METROPOLIS AND OVERWHELMS THE WORLD.

THIS WON'T HURT. *PROMISE.*

YOU... BETTER... KEEP...THAT... PROMISE...

THUNK

EVERYONE... READY...?

KRAKK

FOR THEM TO EAT ME?!

HUNGRY.

HUNGRY.

HUNGRY.

AH. I SEE NOW.

"YOU'RE NOT DRAWING IN JUST THE PARASITES ON THE *STREETS*...

"...BUT THE *MICROSCOPIC* ONES AS WELL.

"EVEN *THEY* RECOGNIZE THE *SUPERIOR* SOURCE OF NOURISHMENT."

LUTHOR, I BROUGHT YOU TO *SUPERCORP* TO KEEP THE PARASITES *HERE* WITH LIVEWIRE, WITHOUT HURTING HER, UNDERSTAND?

THIS *SUPERCORP* CONTAINMENT SUIT WILL DISGUISE ME FROM THE CLONES...

...BUT I NEED TIME TO FIND RUDY, BEFORE THEY BECOME TOO MUCH FOR THE BUILDING TO HANDLE.

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...

"...AND HE WILL APPEAR..."

I'M SO... HUNGRY.

ALL THESE DAMN MOUTHS TO FEED ARE EATING ME OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME.

PLEASE... SUPER... MAN.

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU, RUDY.

ALL OF THESE ARE JUST ***PIECES*** OF YOU. IF WE DON'T GET YOU BACK TOGETHER, YOU COULD ***DIE.***

WE CAN TALK THIS THROUGH.

HELP EACH OTHER.

HOW ABOUT WE CHAT...

---OVER A MIDNIGHT SNACK?!

FWASH

STOP! THAT'S ENOUGH!

WHOOSH

OH, YOU'RE SO GOOD. THE BEST TASTE IN THE WORLD, YOU ARE.

MY TURN!

GET YOUR OWN. NO SHARING!

RUDY, LISTEN TO ME. I LET YOU HAVE SOME OF MY POWER ON *PURPOSE*... JUST ENOUGH TO GET YOUR STRENGTH BACK.

BUT I KNOW WHERE ALL THE ENERGY IS. YOU JUST NEED TO ABSORB...

...YOUR BITE-SIZE BITS.

CHOOM

C'MON! OVER HERE, YOU MINI-MONSTERS!

ZAP

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THEY'VE ABSORBED NEARLY ALL THE POWER IN METROPOLIS...

THAT'S ALL THE FOOD YOU'D EVER NEED.

NOW WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT...?

THANKS, SUPES!

COME TO PAPA!

GROSS!

YUMMY IN MY TUMMY!

MMMCH!

SLURP!

CHOMP!

CRUNCH!

THOSE REALLY ARE ALL JUST PIECES OF HIM, RIGHT?

HE ISN'T...?

DON'T OVERTHINK IT, MERCY.

DELICIOUS!

YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL, RUDY.

O... M...G...

I'VE NEVER...

I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE...

...FULL...

HE'S GONNA BLOW!

OH, CALM DOWN.

THIS NEUTRALIZER WILL REMOVE THE RADIATION POISONING THAT CAUSED HIS POWERS TO CHANGE. OUR DEAR FRIEND RUDY WILL BE ***JUST FINE...***

...SO... FULL...

...THANKS TO SUPERCORP.

IS HE... SLEEPING?

ZZZ

LET'S GET OUR PEOPLE HOME...

EVERYONE... OKAY?

WHY AM I SO *HUNGRY?*

UH, LOIS...?

WHAT DID I MISS?

I GOT LOCKED IN THE BATHROOM.

AGAIN? DUDE, CALL ME NEXT TIME.

OH, IT'S CUTE, JIMMY.

I COULD EAT YOU RIGHT UP, SMALLVILLE.

OKAY, EVERYBODY. LET'S HIT THE FOOD CARTS.

BIBBO'S BREAKFAST BURRITOS ARE ON ME!

...AND LEX THINKS YOU CAN ACTUALLY ***TRUST*** HIM AND WORK WITH THIS ***SUPERCORP?***

WHAT IF HE WANTS YOU TO SAY ***NO?***

AND ***THAT*** IS PART OF HIS PLAN?

OR WHAT IF HE WANTS YOU TO SAY ***YES?*** AND ***THAT*** IS PART OF HIS PLAN?

BUT WHAT IF LEX ***KNOWS*** YOU THINK HE WANTS YOU TO SAY ***NO*** AND THAT YOU'LL SAY ***YES*** TO TRICK HIM?

OR...

HONEY.

THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE IS THAT YOU ***MUST*** PLAY LEX'S GAME IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT LEX IS REALLY ***UP*** TO, SMALLVILLE.

THE ONLY GAME I LIKE COMES WITH A BALL.

I JUST NEED TO TUNE LEX OUT LONG ENOUGH TO DECIDE...

OKAY, I'M GOING TO HEAD TO THE *PLANET* TO YELL AT SOME PROOFREADERS AND LOOK INTO THIS WHOLE ***"SPIRIT OF METROPOLIS"*** THING YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT.*

BUT FIRST...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE MUSIC ALONE...

*WE SAW THE DARING DEBUT OF MARILYN MOONLIGHT LAST ISSUE! --PK

DANCE WITH ME.

GET A ROOM!

I LOVE THAT SONG.

AH, C'MON.

DON'T I GET SOME KIND OF EARLY RELEASE FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR?

I HELPED SAVE THE CITY, YA $@#$%!

COME TO GLOAT?

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NOT MY STYLE.

S.T.A.R. LABS CHECKED OUT PARASITE. THE RADIATION WAS GONE, LIKE YOU SAID.

RUDY WAS GOING TO DIE, AND YOU HELPED HIM.

YOU HAD EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ESCAPE AND DIDN'T. WHY?

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO ***LISTEN TO ME,*** SUPERMAN?

I WANT TO ***HELP*** YOU.

I ***KNOW*** WHO CHANGED PARASITE. THEY ARE TERRIBLE PEOPLE FROM MY PAST, AND IF YOU WANT TO STOP THEM FROM TURNING ***OUR*** CITY INTO A DEADLY EXPERIMENT, YOU'LL NEED MY HELP.

BUT THIS IS ABOUT ***MORE*** THAN THAT. THERE ARE DANGERS COMING THAT YOU HAVE ***NEVER*** FACED BEFORE. YOU CAN FEEL IT TOO, CAN'T YOU? THAT FEELING OF ***DREAD*** IN THE BACK OF YOUR MIND? CREEPING IN?

I BELIEVE WE CAN SAVE METROPOLIS.

SAVE THE ***WORLD...***

...TOGETHER.

HM.

I'VE DECIDED I'M NOT GIVING UP ON YOU, LUTHOR.

WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...

HM.

OKAY, PEOPLE.

WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE--NO REST FOR THE WICKED.

NOT WICKED ANYMORE, MERCY. IF YOU REALLY WANT ME HERE...

...LET'S GET TO WORK.

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When an incarcerated Lex Luthor bequeathed his company and namesake to Superman, the Man of Steel had reason to think twice. But as a new day dawns for Metropolis, the city's greatest champion must look within and take...

A LEAP OF FAITH

YOU WERE RIGHT.

AFTER WE EXPERIMENTED ON PARASITE, SUPERMAN WENT TO LEX.

WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD THAT BOY SCOUT TO *US*.

EXACTLY AS WE HOPED, *DR. PHARM*.

REVENGE BELONGS TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN WRONGED BY *LEX LUTHOR*.

IT'S ENTERTAINING HOW MUCH THAT FOOL WISHES FOR SUPERMAN TO LISTEN TO HIM...BUT DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT *OTHERS* MIGHT ALSO LISTEN IN.

HOW ANGRY WILL SUPERMAN BE WHEN HE LEARNS THAT LEX IS *LYING* TO HIM ABOUT US?

IN THE MEANTIME...

...LET'S FIND OUR NEXT TEST SUBJECT...

To be continued in "So I married a Super-Villain?"

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HOW CAN YOU SAVE A WORLD THAT WON'T SAVE ITSELF?

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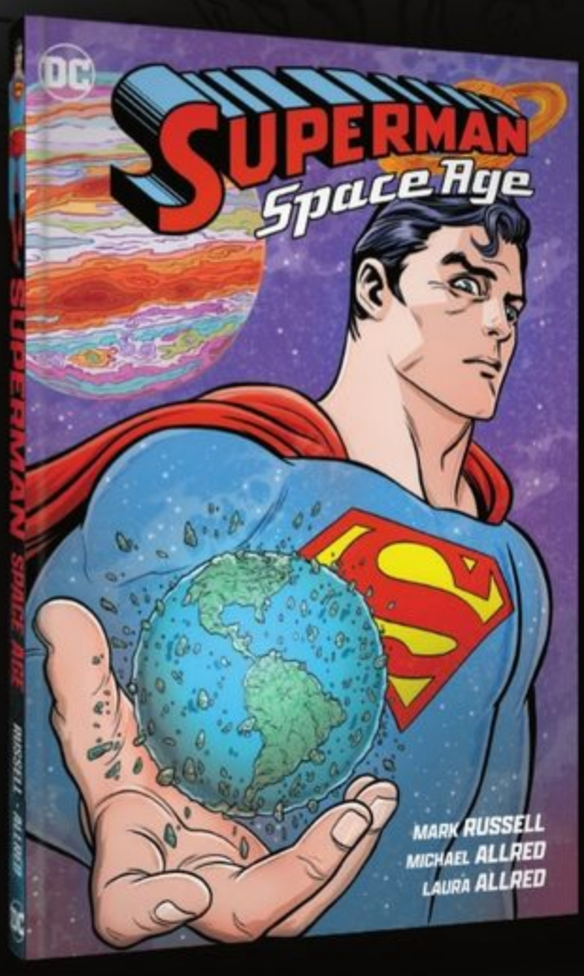

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A hardcover collection of the decades-spanning epic

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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

GREEN ARROW

INTERVIEW WITH JOSHUA WILLIAMSON

The Emerald Archer joins the Dawn of DC era in April with a new six-issue series from writer Joshua Williamson and artist Sean Izaakse...only thing is, Oliver Queen is missing somewhere in the DC Universe, and it'll take his whole family to find him!

IS *GREEN ARROW* A SERIES YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE?

Green Arrow has been one of my favorite characters since I was a kid. When I started to write comics, I had a story I wanted to tell with Oliver Queen. I'd try to get him into the books I was writing and it would never work out, but after *Dark Crisis* the timing finally came together. I can tell the story and finally give the Green Arrow family the reunion it deserves.

WHAT HAS THE DC UNIVERSE MISSED WITHOUT OLIVER QUEEN?

Attitude. He's that cocky, daring Robin Hood who brought truth to power in a way only he could do. It's also so much more than that. The DC Universe has been missing the Green Arrow family. His cast of characters that were built over years have been separated...and one of our goals is to bring them back.

WHAT ROLE DOES OLIVER QUEEN'S FAMILY—BLACK CANARY, CONNOR HAWKE, AND ROY HARPER—PLAY IN THE SERIES?

His whole family is on the search for Ollie. That's a major piece of the story in the beginning, but something else comes up that alerts them to a very big problem in the DCU. It unlocks a mystery that's been brewing within the Dawn of DC world.

WHAT DOES ARTIST SEAN IZAAKSE BRING TO THIS SERIES?

Passion and talent. I feel incredibly lucky to be partnered with someone who loves Green Arrow and his family as much as I do. He also knows the mythology and uses that to elevate the art.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TRICK ARROW FROM OLIVER'S ARSENAL?

The boxing-glove arrow will always have a special place in my heart. But in #1 we introduce a new arrow that is now my favorite.

HAVE YOU EVER DONE ARCHERY—AND IF SO, IS IT AS EASY AS GREEN ARROW MAKES IT LOOK?

I have tried and wasn't very good at it. But...I've never been stranded on an island where I had no choice but to learn.

However, Sean is an archer and actually has his own equipment. Sean brought that knowledge to the series.

DON'T MISS *GREEN ARROW* #1, ON SALE IN APRIL!

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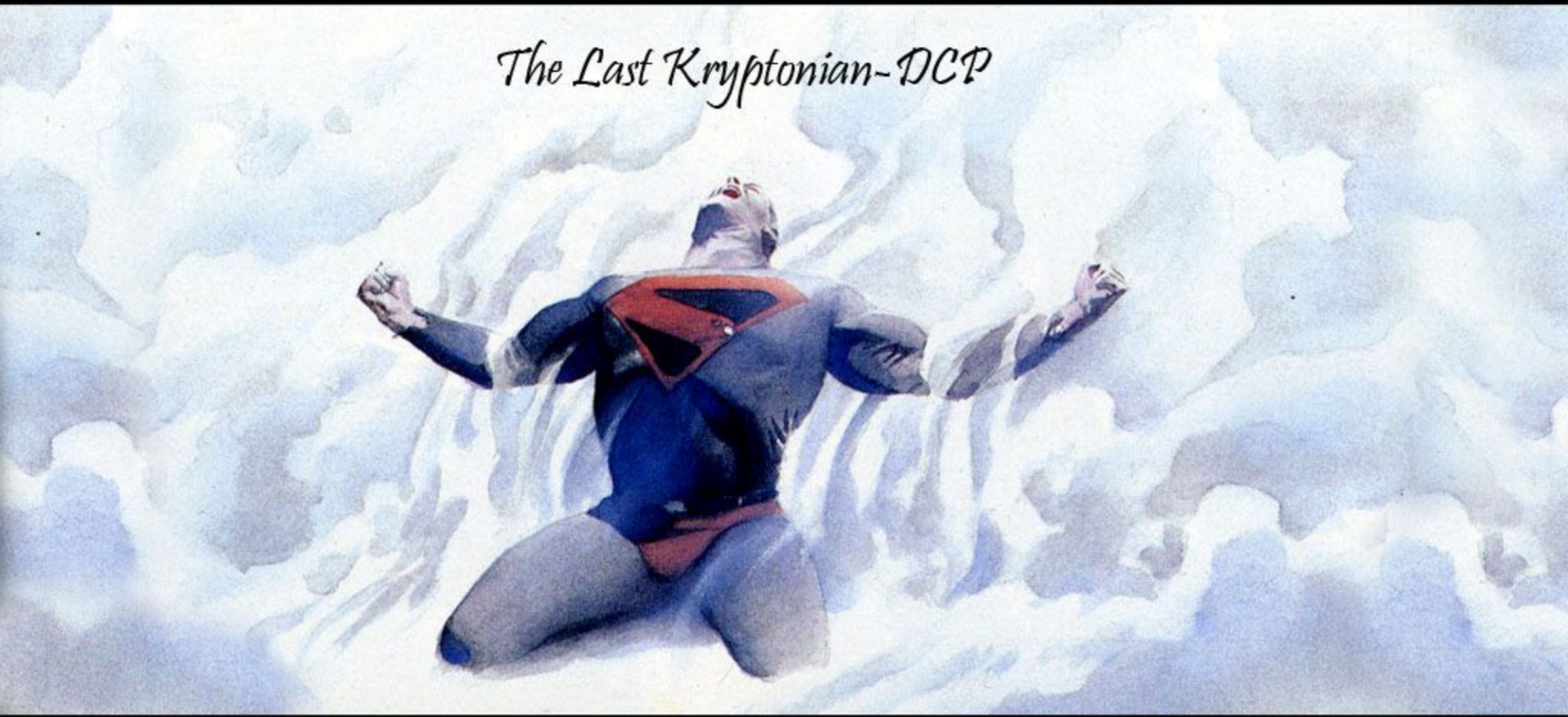
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